

hiring and allow vets in federal employment to appeal adverse actions to the Merit Systems Protection Board.

"Right now," Mica tells Insight, "veterans are the last hired, first fired."

But for Wheeler the issue is not filling quotas, but showing respect. "I'm not trying to obtain a given number of senior White House jobs for veterans," Wheeler says, "I'm trying to confirm or disprove a growing impression that this White House doesn't want veterans in its face."

In a National Public Radio interview on March 14, 1994, Puller observed: "Clinton came in with a lot of baggage. His draft record back in the sixties; he went to Yale Law School, where virtually no one served; so, I sense sort of a 'we-they' mentality there."

"I know a number of years ago," Puller continued, "somebody said there's an unbridgeable gulf between those who served and those who didn't serve in the Vietnam War. I don't believe that any more, but I feel like veterans have made more of an effort to be accessible to Clinton, and to his administration, than his administration has to be accessible to them."

Instead of accepting Puller's outreach, Wheeler says, this White House has comported itself toward veterans as though inspired by a remark of Shakespeare's great villain, Iago: "He hath a daily beauty in his life that makes me ugly."

#### A POINT OF LIGHT FOR ALL AMERICANS: DAVID MINKIN

HON. MAJOR R. OWENS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 1996*

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor David Minkin, an individual whose concern for his fellow man and worthy philanthropic pursuits over the past six decades have earned him the love, respect, and gratitude of the many individuals he has touched. His life is a testament that human compassion is a factor that matters most in life. Mr. Minkin is a point of light for all Americans.

Throughout his professional life as a real estate developer, builder owner and manager, Mr. Minkin has been viewed by those with whom he has been associated with as a fair, sincere, and loyal person. However, it has been his philanthropic deeds that have earned him the greatest respect and admiration of those whose lives he has touched.

For the past 64 years, David Minkin has worked tirelessly in improving the health care for the residents of the Flatbush section of Brooklyn by continuing the fundraising efforts for the Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center begun by his parents Rose and Bernard Minkin in 1932.

Throughout the past six decades, Mr. Minkin has held many key offices at the facility. He served as president of Kingsbrook until 1995 when he stepped down to assume the role of president emeritus and he remains the faculty's chief benefactor, leading fundraising efforts and contributing millions of dollars for the center.

Mr. Minkin's first major contribution to Kingsbrook was the construction of an acute care facility named in honor of his parents in

1967 in which he raised and personally contributed several millions of dollars. He later spearheaded the construction of the last three buildings of the nine-building Kingsbrook complex.

During his life David Minkin has been recognized for his contributions to a broad spectrum of religious, cultural, educational and social service agencies, institutions, and organizations. His participation and recognition for many of these worthy efforts cross religious boundaries with recognition in the Catholic community as well as in his own Jewish faith.

In 1976 Kingsbrook named a facility for skilled nursing care and rehabilitation services, the "David Minkin Rehabilitation Institute" in honor of his contributions and dedicated service to the facility. In addition, David was awarded the Medical Society of the County of Kings 19th Annual Citizen's Award, in appreciation of his tireless efforts in improving the health and well-being of the citizens of Brooklyn through his unstinting devotion to Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center.

Among his many other honors, David was awarded the Prime Minister's Medal from State of Israel Bonds, as well as the Ubi Caritas Award from Catholic Charities. A generous contribution to the Catholic Charities of Brooklyn and Queens resulted in a residence that would provide 100 units of supportive housing for the elderly. In appreciation the organization named the facility in David Minkin's honor.

At a time when charitable giving is decreasing, it is appropriate that we join his friends and family in celebrating this point of light for all Americans—David Minkin.

#### THE EPA CLUSTER RULE

HON. ALAN B. MOLLOHAN

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 1996*

Mr. MOLLOHAN. Mr. Speaker, I want to join my colleagues in support of the direction taken by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on the Cluster Rule for the pulp and paper industry. On behalf of my constituents who are employed by the paper and forest products industry—one of West Virginia's five major economic sectors—I urge the EPA to promptly finalize a Cluster Rule.

I am very pleased that on July 15, 1996, the EPA published in the Federal Register information on two technology options for final guidelines for bleached papergrade kraft and soda mills based on best available technology under the Cluster Rule. In this notice, the EPA stated that complete substitution of chlorine dioxide, identified as Option A in the proposal, should be given the same consideration as oxygen delignification coupled with complete substitution of chlorine dioxide, identified as Option B. In fact, the EPA stated in this proposal that "both options appear to reduce dioxins and furans in wastewaters to concentrations at or below the current analytical minimum levels."

In the first district of West Virginia, about 900 people are employed at the Luke Pulp and Paper Mill. Luke, which meets the require-

ments of Option A, is one of the Nation's largest paper mills. I understand that Option B would cost this mill, which in the past 5 years has spent over \$45 million on environmental protection improvements, an additional \$100 million.

I compliment and thank the Agency for the direction they have taken to provide for the fullest possible protection of the environment while at the same time ensuring that the final rule will not place on unreasonable cost burden on the pulp and paper industry. This approach demonstrates regulatory flexibility at its best.

I rise to join my colleagues in an endorsement of Option A.

#### TRIBUTE TO GEORGE SWEENEY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 11, 1996*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, September 12, 1996, George Sweeney will be honored with a retirement dinner. George has served the New Haven Fire Department for more than 39 years.

George's career with the New Haven Fire Department began in 1957 when he was assigned to Engine Company 4 at the Central Station. He served in this capacity until January 26, 1977 when he was promoted to lieutenant. While he was with Engine Company 4, he was commended by the board of fire commissioners for his actions at a four alarm fire at the Yale Art & Architecture Building on June 14, 1969. In the following years, George served with a number of companies including Hook and Ladder Company 3, Lombard Station, Engine Company 7, Lombard Station, Engine Company 10, Lombard Station, Engine Company 15, Fountain Station, Hook and Ladder Company 5, Fountain Station. In 1991 he became the acting supervisor of records and operations at the Motor Apparatus and Building Maintenance Division.

Firefighting is a career which demands incredible dedication, courage and bravery, and a deep commitment to helping others. Firefighters are public servants in the truest sense. They risk their lives every day to protect citizens. During his tenure with the New Haven Fire Department, George was awarded a meritorious citation for his part in a heroic attempt to rescue two children from the second floor of a three story building. George's actions speak to his immeasurable sense of responsibility for the citizens of New Haven. George is also the recipient of three unit citations. He has been honored by the Connecticut State Fireman's Association in 1992 in recognition of 35 years of service and he was named Firefighter of the Year in 1995 by the New Haven Block Watch Association.

George Sweeney has devoted himself and his life to a career as a firefighter for the city of New Haven. For over 39 years George has served the people of the city. In that time he has truly made a difference in people's lives, in some cases his efforts have meant the difference between life and death. I am proud to join George's family, friends and colleagues as they honor him on his retirement. He deserves our deepest thanks and appreciation.